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SUBJECT: NATIONAL ASSEMBLY PASSES RESOLUTION
SUPPORTING NEW FOREIGN POLICY

SUMMARY: AFTER DAY OF INTERPELLATIONS AND LONG
AND DIFFICULT NEGOTIATIONS ASSEMBLY PASSED RESOLUTION
OF SUPPORT FOR NEW FOREIGN POLICY. OPPOSITION
UNSUCCESSFUL IN HAVING REFERENCE TO DOMESTIC
SITUATION INCLUDE IN RESOLUTION. END SUMMARY.

1. IN MORNING JUNE 27 PLENARY SESSION NATIONAL
ASSEMBLY CONTINUED INTERPELLATIONS WITH NDP' S CHONG
UN- GAP AND DEMOCRATIC UNIFICATION PARTY' S (DUP) KIM
NOK- YONG QUESTIONING PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN
MINISTER. DRP AND REVITALIZATION GROUP AGREED TO
FOREGO THEIR QUESTIONS IN VIEW LIMITED TIME.

2. THE TWO OPPOSITION SPEAKERS SAID NEW FOREIGN
POLICY REPRESENTED FAILURE OF GOVERNMENT' S FOREIGN
POLICIES AND CALLED FOR RESIGNATION OF PRIME
MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY.
THEY EXPRESSED FEAR THAT UNDER NEW ROK POLICY OF
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OPEN DOOR, NATIONS FRIENDLY TO ROK WOULD RECOGNIZE NORTH WHILE COMMUNIST STATES WOULD REMAIN RELUCTANT TO RECOGNIZE ROK. OPPOSITION SPEAKERS CALLED FOR INCLUSION MEMBERS OF OPPOSITION AND OTHER "SOCIAL AND POLITICAL ELEMENTS" IN SOUTH/ NORTH COORDINATING COMMITTEE. NDP REPRESENTATIVE SUGGESTED FORMATION PAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF PEOPLE FROM NORTH AND SOUTH TO HELP ADVANCE STALLED DIALOGUE. HE ALSO SUGGESTED THAT CHANGED INTERNATIONAL SITUATION REFLECTED BY NEW ROK POLICY OF OPEN DOOR TO COMMUNIST STATES INDICATED NEED TO AMEND ROK ANTI- COMMUNIST AND NATIONAL SECURITY LAWS. FOREIGN MINISTER WAS ASKED WHETHER GOVERNMENT STILL MAINTAINED POLICY THAT UN SUPERVISED ELECTIONS WERE ONLY ACCEPTABLE MEANS FOR REUNIFICATION. NDP' S CHONG ASKED FOREIGN MINISTER WHETHER IT TRUE ROK INFORMATION CHIEF IN WASHINGTON, LEE JAI HYUN, HAD RESIGNED AND ASKED PROTECTION OF US AUTHORITIES.

3. IN REPLYING TO OPPOSITION QUESTIONS, PRIME MINISTER ADMITTED NORTH MIGHT GAIN SHORT TERM ADVANTAGE FROM NEW ROK POLICY BUT SOUNDNESS OF GOVERNMENT' S POSITION WOULD ULTIMATELY WIN INTERNATIONAL RESPECT. HE SAID PAN- NATIONA ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR TALKS NOT FEASIBLE AT PRESENT IN VIEW STATE OF NORTH/ SOUTH RELATIONS AND EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT ADDING OPPOSITION MEMBERS TO SOUTH/ NORTH COORDINATING COMMITTEE WOULD ADVANCE DIALOGU. ANTI- COMMUNIST AND NATIONAL SECURITY LAWS MIGHT BE ALTERED IN " FAR DISTANT FUTURE", PRIME MINISTER SAID, BUT FOR PRESENT BOVERNMENT HAD NO INTENTION OF PERMITTING " COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES" IN ROK.

4. FOREIGN MINISTER EVADED DIRECT ANSWER TO QUERY ON WHETHER GOVERNMENT STILL ADVOCATED UNIFICATION THROUGH UN SUPERVISED ELECTIONS, STATING ONLY THAT PRESIDENT' S STATEMENT " WAS CLEAR" CONCERNING UNIFICATION. HE ADMITTED THAT LEE JAI HYUN HAD RESIGNED AND PROMISED GOVERNMENT WOULD WORK TO UNCLASSIFIED

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AVOID SUCH PROBLEMS IN FUTURE.

5. AFTER DAY OF LONG AND DIFFICULT NEGOTIATIONS AMONG NDP FACTIONS AND BETWEEN NDP AND GOVERNMENT PARTIES, NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FINALLY PASSED RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR PRESIDENT PARK' S FOREIGN POLICY STATEMENT AT 11:55 PM, JUNE 27. RESOLUTIN PASSED

BY VOTE OF 182 TO ONE WITH NINE ABSTENTIONS. TEXT OF
RESOLUTION REPORTED SEPTEL.

6. PRESS REPORTS THAT ALL PARTIES HAD REACHED
AGREEMENT EARLIER IN DAY ON RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD
HAVE INCLUDED CALL ON GOVERNMENT TO ELIMINATE
" UNDEMOCRATIC ELEMENTS" FROM DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATION.
NDP HAD INSISTED ON INCLUDING SUCH REFERENCE AS
CONDITION ITS SUPPORT FOR NEW FOREIGN POLICY. AT
LAST MINUTE AND AFTER RESOLUTION HAD BEEN PRINTED
A " HIGH DRP AUTHORITY" (PRESUMABLY PRESIDENT PARK)
INDICATED REFERENCE TO DOMESTIC AFFAIRS UNACCEPTABLE
AND RESOLUTION SENT BACK TO INTER PARTY CAUCUS.
IN END, PRESS REPORTS BEST OPPOSITION COULD GET
WAS AGREEMENT FROM GOVERNMENT PARTIES TO ALLOW
INTRODUCTION OF OPPOSITION RESOLUTION ON DOMESTIC
SITUATION AT SEPTEMBER NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SESSION.
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